

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY LONG BEACH ASSEMBLY PLANT,  
SHEDS C & D  
700 Henry Ford Avenue  
Long Beach  
Los Angeles County  
California

HAER No. CA-82-E

Photographer: David G. De Vrles      June 1990

Note: Photographs Nos. CA-82-E-1 through CA-82-E-3 are 8x10 inch enlargements from 4x5 inch negatives.

CA-82-E-1    VIEW TO NORTH SHOWING RAIL SPUR, SHEDS, AND NORTHWEST  
CORNER OF SHED A, AT RIGHT.

CA-82-E-2    EAST SIDE DETAIL OF SHEDS C AND D.    VIEW TO SOUTHWEST.

CA-82-E-3    SHED D INTERIOR, LOOKING SOUTH.

Note: For additinal written historical and descriptive information, please see main entry for the Ford Motor Company Long Beach Assembly Plant, HAER No. CA-82.

Also see Field Notes, HAER No. CA-82, which include vellum copies of Albert Kahn drawings, David De Vrles field notes on modern photographs, 35 mm modern photographs, and xerox copies of historic photographs, plans and historical research.

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**Location:** 700 Henry Ford Avenue, Port of Long Beach,  
County of Los Angeles, California

USGS Quadrangle: Long Beach, CA  
UTM Coordinates: 11.385290.337030

**Date of Construction:** 1929-1930

**Architect:** Albert Kahn, Inc., Detroit MI

**Contractors:** General Contractor: Clinton Construction Co.

**Present Owner:** Port of Long Beach  
P.O. Box 570  
Long Beach, CA 90801

**Present Use:** Demolished, October 1990 - January 1991

**Significance:** Ford Motor Company built the Long Beach Assembly Plant during 1929-1930 as one of six contemporaneous assembly plants constructed in the United States. The overall purpose of these plants was to expand production of Ford's Model A, which replaced the Model T in 1927. Albert Kahn, the architect for the Long Beach Assembly Plant, also designed the other five Ford Assembly Plants. The Long Beach Assembly Plant was the only plant outside of Michigan to have a Pressed Steel Department as an integral part of the manufacturing and assembly process. Kahn's architectural design incorporated an enormous articulated structure that retained aesthetic qualities, yet permitted functional use of space. The Long Beach Assembly Plant operated until 1958 and typified the Ford Assembly Line concept. On a national scale the Long Beach Assembly Plant reflected a national trend of industrial growth, mass production of consumer goods, and the consumption of those goods.

**Project Information:** The former Ford Motor Company Long Beach Assembly Plant was evaluated eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The Port of Long Beach sought to redevelop this property, ultimately resulting in plans to demolish and remove all vestiges of this plant. The Port of Long Beach's